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Applicant : Beane et al. Art Unit : 3734
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT


Responsive to the action mailed January 10, 2008, applicant elects the invention of Group 1 drawn to the embodiment of a surgical suture placement device and corresponding to claims 1-14. The election is made without traverse.

Applicant respectfully requests that if the Examiner finds the elected device claims to be allowable, that the non-elected method claims that require all of the limitations of the device claims be rejoined per MPEP § 821.04(b).

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